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A
HISTORY
OF THE
HEARD FAMILY,
OF
WAYLAND, MASS.

BY JOHN H. EDWARDS.

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"One generation comes;
Another goes, and mingles with the dust.
And thus we come and go, and come and go;
Each for a little moment filling up
Some little space."

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P R E F A C E .

There is very little to be said to the readers of this history by way of preface : the book speaks for itself.

The genealogical register is very nearly complete, and the few dates wanting are not important, although they would have been inserted had it been possible to have found them. It is hoped that the arrangement of names will be sufficiently plain to answer all purposes.

The blank leaves are inserted for future use, it being thought that they will be found useful to record from time to time any items relating to the family. It will be observed that the names of Sudbury and East Sudbury are not used in connection with those of the family who were born or lived in Wayland previous to its becoming a separate town : this is done to avoid confusion. The whole of the territory now called Wayland, was included in the town of Sudbury till 1780, when it was called East Sudbury. The town of Wayland was incorporated in 1835.

The author would here express his thanks to those members of the family and friends whose kindly interest and aid have made the completion of this book possible.

J. H. E.

CORRECTIONS.

Page 8, 18th line, in place of, and also kept a store in the building which still stands next to the Unitarian Church, known as the "Green Store"; read, and also carried on the business the "Old Red Store."

Page 37, 15th line, in place of Wayland, read Orford, N. H.

Page 40, 7th line, in place of Sudbury, read Saxonville.

Page 41, 1st line, in place of New York read West Boylston, Mass.



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

ZACHARIAH HEARD (1) is the earliest ancestor of whom anything is known, and of his early life we know nothing, although there are many traditions in the family concerning him.

The first record of him which has been found, is a deed, dated Aug. 29, 1707, by which he purchased of Stephen Hastings, a homestead and shop in Cambridge, on the Watertown Road; but the exact location of the house is not known. In this deed he is called a "Clothier." Tradition, mentioned above, says that he was once a sailor in the English navy. By a deed, dated Dec. 26, 1709, Zachariah sold to Stephen Hastings the property mentioned above, and we should think that he left Cambridge at that time and moved to Wayland. His father-in-law, Maj. Thomas Brown of Wayland, died about that time, and his executor, Joseph Hubbard, sold a number of lots of land to Zachariah and Silence Heard during the year 1710. Zachariah seems to have been prominent in Wayland from his first settlement there; he was chosen highway surveyor March 7, 1714, and was con-

stable in 1716, and a selectman in 1723. He also held other town offices in the years which followed.

There is a tradition in the family to the effect that he had brothers, with whom he came to this country, and special mention is made of a Jeremy Heard, said to be ten years older than Zachariah, but we have failed to find any trace of any of them; neither can any connection be found between our family and the Heards at Dover, N. H., or in Georgia. Richard Heard (23) found out the year of the birth of Zachariah and the date of his death, and left them recorded among his papers; but where he obtained them we do not know. Zachariah is supposed to have lived in Wayland, on what is now the Morse estate, where some of his children afterwards lived.

RICHARD HEARD (5) was born in Wayland, where he was an active townsman; and the early records of the town show frequent mention of his name in connection with its affairs.

He was captain of a company of troopers under George III., and was afterwards known by his title. He was one of a delegation of three, that represented Sudbury in the First Provincial Congress, which convened at Salem Oct. 7, 1774.

He was sent by his townsmen in East Sudbury to represent them in the General Court in the sessions of 1780, 1781, 1783.

He lived at one time on what is now the Morse estate,

near the centre of Wayland, and some of his children lived in the old house, which still stands there; but whether Richard lived in it, or in a house that once stood in another part of the estate, is not known.

THOMAS HEARD (7) was born in Wayland, where he lived all his life. He was one of the four brothers who at one time owned the Island, and his connection with it is described in its history.

He was adjutant in a regiment of minute-men, under Col. Abijah Pierce of Lincoln, that was formed in Sudbury, previous to the Revolution. He was elected to a seat in the lower branch of the Legislature, in the session of 1794.

ZACHARIAH HEARD (8) was born in Wayland, and lived on the Island all his life. He was at one time quartermaster in the State militia. He is spoken of by those who knew him, as a kind neighbor, and a man who was much esteemed.

RICHARD HEARD (9) was born and lived in Wayland, with whose affairs he was actively connected. He went to work as a farm laborer, in 1774, for Thomas Bent, who then lived on the Island, and thus Richard was the first Heard who ever lived on it. He worked there till the breaking out of the Revolution. He belonged to a company of minute-men, under the command of Capt. Asahel Wheeler; and was aroused at midnight to respond to the call from Concord, where he went, and there participated in the famous fight. He was also in the Battle of

Bunker Hill. He afterwards enlisted in the eight months' service, and was pensioned by the government for his services. He died at the age of eighty-six, respected by all who knew him.

DAVID HEARD (11) was born in Wayland, where he always lived. He was a very kind and genial man, and lived for many years with his brother Richard, with whom he never exchanged an unpleasant word. During the Revolution, he belonged to a company of militia that was held as a reserve force, but he did not perform any actual service.

THOMAS HEARD (13) was born in Wayland. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he worked at in Watertown for some years. He afterwards went to Wayland, where he went into business with his brother William, and Micah Rutter; this firm carried on the hotel, and also kept a store in the building which still stands next to the Unitarian Church, known as the "Green Store." This firm dissolved April 9, 1814, and sold out the store to a new firm composed of Thomas Heard and Nathaniel Reeves, by whom it was kept till about 1820, when the business was bought by the firm of N. and C. Heard, and Thomas moved to Waltham, where he carried on the business of tinman till his decease.

WILLIAM HEARD (14) was born and lived in Wayland. He was a painter by trade; he went into business with his brother Thomas, and Micah Rutter, and when the firm dissolved, in 1814, he retained the hotel, now known



WILLIAM HEARD.

14.



ELIZABETH HEARD.

15.



NANCY HEARD.

16.



HORACE HEARD.

32.

as the Pequod House, which he owned and conducted till 1819, when he sold out and moved onto a farm in the village, where he lived till 1822, and then he purchased the farm in Sudbury known as the Hunt place, where he lived for a number of years. By a deed dated April 1, 1837, he purchased of Micah Cutler the farm on the Island, formerly owned by Richard Heard (9), and thus it was that that part of the Island again passed to the Heard family; here he lived the remainder of his life. He was scrupulously honest in all things, and was a man whose judgment was much sought and highly respected. He was very fond of hunting and fishing, and was an excellent sportsman. While he was fishing, with his son Clinton, on the river, within sight of his house, in some way which will never be known, they were both drowned, and their bodies were found in the river, and both were buried at the same time.

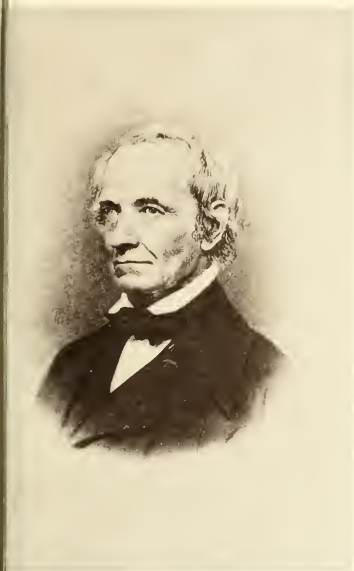
GEORGE and JACOB HEARD (sons of Thomas 7), were two boys who died of small-pox, in the house now owned by Abel Heard, when it was a hospital.

JACOB HEARD (17) was born in Wayland. He lived there, however, but a short time, as he was sent to Sherburne, when quite young, to learn the gunsmith's trade, which he followed during his life. He kept a gun store for many years in Boston, where he was married and lived. He was drowned in Boston Harbor in 1827.

NEWELL HEARD (18) was born in Wayland, where he lived all his life. His trade was that of a carpenter. In

1820 he went into business with his brother Charles, under the firm-name and style of N. and C. Heard, dealers in general merchandise. This firm bought out Thomas Heard and Nathaniel Reeves, and continued in business till 1830, when it dissolved. The business was carried on in the "Old Red Store," so called, which stood directly opposite the new town house in the centre of Wayland, and a dry-goods store was also kept for a short time in the "Green Store;" but, afterwards, the two were consolidated in the Red Store. After the firm dissolved, in 1830, Newell carried on the business alone till 1863, when he sold out to John M. Seward. During his long business career he earned and maintained a reputation for honest dealing, which won him the confidence of both buyers and sellers. He was appointed postmaster of Wayland, May 21, 1825, which position he held till March 10, 1863, when he resigned. He was prominent in Wayland all his life, and held many offices in the town. He died in 1865, lamented and mourned by his relatives and friends.

CHARLES HEARD (19) was born in Wayland, where he lived during his early manhood. He went into business with his brother Newell in 1820, under the style of N. and C. Heard. As we have already given a history of this firm, in our sketch of Newell Heard, we will not repeat it here. When the firm dissolved, in 1830, Charles went to Brighton, where he was in business for a number of years, at first in connection with his brother Newell,



NEWELL HEARD.

18.



CHARLES HEARD.

19.



ABEL HEARD.

20.



and afterwards alone. He was, while living in Wayland, connected with the militia, acting as aid to Gen. Micah Rutter, with the rank of captain, his commission dating July 5, 1821. He held a number of town offices in Brighton, where he was a very prominent townsman, taking a deep interest in everything pertaining to the improvement of the town. The Evergreen Cemetery in Brighton is one of the public works with which he was actively connected; he was influential in bringing it into existence, and soon after it was laid out he was appointed one of the committee in charge of it, and afterwards invested with the entire care, which situation he held until his death. The work was, however, almost wholly a labor of love, as he received but a small salary during the last few years, and it is to-day a monument to his memory, testifying to his devotion and zeal in advancing the welfare of his fellow-townsmen. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1834, and held the office till 1869. He was also notary-public for many years. In 1838 he was elected to a seat in the lower branch of the General Court of Massachusetts, and was re-elected the following year. He was sent, in 1853, as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, which was held at the State House.

ABEL HEARD (20) was born in Wayland. He has always lived on the farm which he inherited from his father Zachariah. He has lived a quiet, retired life, mingling but little in public affairs. In the war of 1812, he enlisted and served in Captain Tarbell's company of

volunteers, and now draws a pension from the government for services rendered at that time. He is now one of the oldest Masons in the State. He has a very large circle of friends, by whom he is much esteemed.

JOSIAH HEARD (21) was born in Wayland, where he lived during the early part of his life. About 1815 he anticipated Horace Greeley's advice and went West, when going West was much more of an undertaking than it is at present. He settled in Zanesville, O., where he established and edited a paper called the "Muskingum Messenger." This was a small weekly sheet, but was very active in politics, and was of considerable importance. He married, and they had a child, who died young; but the particulars cannot be obtained, as the early records in the West are very incomplete.

HENRY HEARD (22) was born in Wayland, where he lived till 1814, when he moved to Dublin, N. H., where he married, and lived for over forty years, following the occupation of a farmer. He was kind and self-sacrificing towards his neighbors and friends, by whom he was held in high esteem. He was a man of remarkable memory, remembering with great distinctness events which occurred in his youth, when he was over eighty years old, and he was often sought by his fellow-townsmen for information relative to boundary lines, etc. He was a strong politician, and took an active interest in politics and events connected with the welfare of the country. He was very strongly attached to his home, and was un-



HENRY HEARD.

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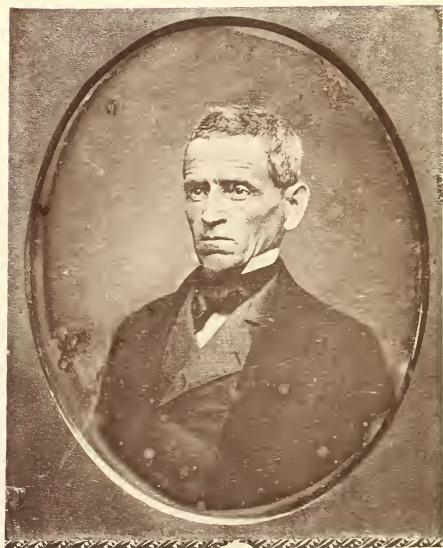
RICHARD HEARD.

23.



GEORGE HEARD.

26



SAMUEL HEARD.

27.

willing to leave it, even when his advanced age and bodily infirmities rendered it necessary for him to reside with his daughter at Keene, N. H. After a severe illness of over four months, which he bore with great patience, he died at Keene, N. H., Jan. 30, 1870, and his wife followed him the next May.

RICHARD HEARD (23) was born in Wayland, where he always lived. At one time he lived on the Island, where he carried on his father's farm a few years with his brother George. He was a carpenter by trade, which he learned in Waltham. He lived the most of his life on a small farm near the village of Wayland, on the "Farm Road," where he lived at the time of his death. Richard Heard was a gentleman of the old school; purely puritanical in both tastes and disposition, strictly honest in all business transactions, he was in every sense a gentleman of honor; and in recalling his long life of spotless integrity we are reminded that, —

"Of all the legacies the dying leave,
Remembrance of their virtues is the best."

He held many offices in the town, and was identified with its affairs during all his life. He was for many years deacon of the Unitarian Church in Wayland, which position he held at the time of his death. It may be proper to here remark, that he always took a very active interest in tracing the genealogy of his family, and it is to be regretted that he is not now alive to assist in writing this

record, as he often expressed the wish that such a history might be written. His wife, Abigail, or, as she was familiarly called, "Aunt Richard," was a most estimable lady, with whom he lived happily for fifty-seven years. An account of their golden wedding will be found on another page. He died in November, 1872, and his wife died the next February.

JONATHAN FISKE HEARD (25) was born in Wayland, where most of his life was passed. His trade was that of a wheelwright, which he learned in Concord. He afterwards followed it for a few years in Cambridge, from whence he removed to his native place, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was quite a fine musician, and was violinist in the Unitarian Church in Wayland for many years.

GEORGE HEARD (26) was born in Wayland, where the early portion of his life was spent. He has since lived in various towns in the States of New York and Massachusetts, following the vocation of farming. He now lives in Sudbury, Mass.

SAMUEL HEARD (27) was born in Wayland, where he lived during his early life. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Waltham and also in Watertown, and he afterwards lived in Boston for a number of years. He made a trip to California, where he contracted the disease from which he died in Waltham in 1852.

DAVID HEARD (29) was born and has always lived on the homestead where so many of the Heards have lived



EUNICE HEARD.

28.



DAVID HEARD.

29.



WILLIAM HEARD.

30.



PRISCILLA HEARD.

31.



and died. When his father died, in 1813, he purchased the estate of the other heirs, and has ever since carried on the farm, which he has greatly improved. He has taken an active interest in public affairs, has been a very influential townsman, and has held many offices. He entered the State militia, First Regiment, Second Brigade, Third Division, in 1814, as a private, and rose to the rank of colonel, which position he held two years, and by which title he has ever since been known.

His sergeant's warrant was dated, April 17, 1815

“ lieutenant's commission, “ May 20, 1816

“ captain's, “ “ May 11, 1821

“ major's “ “ Dec. 25, 1822

“ lieut.-colonel's, “ “ June 1, 1824

“ colonel's, “ “ Feb. 7, 1825

He resigned his commission of colonel, Feb 20, 1827. He was appointed trial justice and justice of the peace in 1839, and has held both offices until recently, when by reason of his advanced age he neglected to renew his commission of justice of the peace, although it was offered, and its acceptance urged. His house has been the scene of many trials, and lawyers who have since become famous at the Bar, have pleaded and argued their cases under the old roof and before “his honor.” He was elected a member of the Senate of the State Legislature in the session of 1847, and was re-elected the following year; he was also a member of the House in the session of 1860. He has always been very active and untiring in advancing the

interests of the Sudbury River Meadow owners, and has given much time to their cause. His long life has been one of usefulness, and he is respected and esteemed by those who know him.

WILLIAM HEARD (30) was born in Wayland, where he lived all his life. He was very prominent in the history of the town during his life, and has held every office in its government. He was coroner of Middlesex County for many years. He was a man of very strong will, unswerving honesty, and untiring zeal in carrying out whatever he undertook. During the war, he travelled a short time in the South, and visited the soldiers in camp, with whom he had great sympathy, and for whose interests he spent much time and labor.

HORACE HEARD (32) was born in Wayland, where he has always lived. He has been a very prominent and influential townsman, and has been actively connected with local and public affairs. He was deputy sheriff of Middlesex County for twenty years. He has held many positions of honor and trust in the town. He is a member of the Corinthian Lodge, F. and A. M., of Concord. He was elected a member of the lower branch of the State Legislature in the session of 1872. In 1871 he received an important trust, in the administratorship of the estate of Ebenezer Hubbard of Concord, Mass. Mr. Hubbard always wished to have a monument erected on the side of the river where the Americans stood in the Concord fight, and left a sum of money to carry out his

desire, and thus it was, by the munificence of Mr. Hubbard, and through the agency of Mr. Heard, that the "Concord Minute-Man" was purchased and erected. He was one of the building committee, appointed by the town, to erect the new town house in the centre of Wayland. His life has been one of useful activity, and he has the confidence and respect of the community.

JOHN A. HEARD (37) was born in Wayland, where he lived till 1845, when he went to Boston, and there learned what was then the daguerreotype business, which he followed till the discovery of photography, which he also learned, and which he followed as a profession. In his profession he was very successful, and as an artist he earned for himself a lasting and well deserved reputation. His business was mostly carried on in Boston, although he at different times followed his profession in various places in the South, through which part of the country he travelled extensively. In 1870 he went to Europe and spent a few years there.

In 1875 an event took place which proved the reward of his former labors, and the success of his life. At this time he was employed by Dr. A. B. Gould, to go to South America, where he was to assist the astronomers by photographing the planets, a process requiring very great skill, and a thorough knowledge of the work required. His selection by Dr. Gould was a high compliment to his ability to fill the important position to which he was called. In January, 1875, he started for Cordova, Argen-

tine Republic, where he arrived the following March. On his arrival he was informed that he had been appointed photographer to the government, and that his commission as such awaited him at the capital. As an artist he was here very successful, although he had very many obstacles to overcome; his negatives of the stars have been pronounced superior to any that have, as yet, been taken, and his negative of the moon is excelled by but one. By his employers and associates he was much esteemed and honored, both as an artist and a gentleman. He arrived home in March, 1877. After a long illness he died of consumption, in Wayland, Dec. 2, 1878.

HENRY HEARD (38) was born in Dublin, N. H. His vocation is that of a farmer. He now resides in Acworth, N. H.

BENJAMIN HEARD (39) was born in Dublin, N. H. He was a currier and tanner by trade. In 1845 he went to Wisconsin and became a farmer, where he was married. He died in Wisconsin, and his widow afterwards married Everett White, who now resides in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wis.

RICHARD HEARD (41) was born in Dublin, N. H. His trade is that of a blacksmith, which he learned of Daniel Emerson at Waltham, Mass. He was employed for many years by the American Watch Company. He lives in Waltham, working at his trade, in company with Mr. Lewis Emerson.

SAMUEL HEARD (42) was born in Dublin, N. H.; he afterwards moved to Swansea, N. H., where he lived dur-

ing his life. He enlisted for the war in April, 1861, from Swansea, as a private, in Co. G, First Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers, served his three months' time, and was discharged Aug. 9, 1861. He re-enlisted in December, 1861, in Co. H, Sixth New Hampshire Regiment, but his health gave out, and he was discharged for sickness Nov. 24, 1862, when he returned home, where he died of consumption.

FRANKLIN FISKE HEARD (44) was born in Wayland, where his boyhood was passed and where his education commenced. He entered Harvard College and graduated in the class of 1848. In the same year he commenced the study of the law at Wayland, in the office of Hon. Edward Mellen then one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. He was admitted to the Bar in 1850 and commenced his professional career in Framingham where he practised six years, and then removed to Boston where he has ever since practised his profession. As a lawyer he has been successful and has attained a high and leading position at the Bar. He has contributed at various times to the literature of his profession, and the following is a complete list of his books with the dates of their publication:—

Davis's Criminal Justice, 3d edition. Edited by F. F. Heard. 1853.

Train and Heard's Precedents of Indictments. 1855.

Greenleaf on Evidence. The third volume which treats of the Criminal Law, 3d edition. Edited by F. F. Heard. 1856.

The Harvard Collection of Church Music. 1860.

Storer and Heard on Criminal Abortion. 1868.

Bennett and Heard's Leading Criminal Cases, 1st edition, 1856-7. 2d edition, 1868. 2 vols.

Heard on Libel and Slander. 1860.

Bennett and Heard's Digest of the Massachusetts Reports. 1862-3. 2 vols.

Shakespeare's Legal Acquirements, by F. F. Heard. 1865.

Stephen on Pleading, 9th American edition. Edited by F. F. Heard. 1867.

Bacon's Essays. Edited by F. F. Heard. 1867. Ten editions have been published.

Curiosities of the Law Reporters. 1871. A new series is now in the press.

Heard on Criminal Law. 1878.

Heard on Criminal Pleading. 1879.

Heard on Civil Pleading. 1880.

Mr. Heard also wrote the articles on the criminal law for the last edition of "Bouvier's Law Dictionary." He edited for several years, in connection with Judge Sanger, "The Monthly Law Reporter," and has contributed, from time to time, articles on various branches of the law, to the English and American law magazines. He also reported the celebrated trial of Leavitt Alley for the murder of Abijah Ellis, which was published by Messrs. Little, Brown and Co. 1875.

His musical studies have been pursued to a high degree

of perfection, and he is now a very fine organist, which has added much to his reputation.

GEORGE SUMNER HEARD (45) was born in Lima, N. Y. His trade is that of a blacksmith, which he has followed all his life.

He was employed as overseer at the Saxonville mills for a few years; he was afterwards employed for about twelve years at the Waltham Watch Factory. He now resides in Sudbury, Mass.

FREDERICK HEARD (son of George, 26) was born in Lima, N. Y. He is a machinist by trade. In 1859 he went to California, where he has since lived.

THEODORE A. HEARD (46) was born in Boston; he afterwards lived in Wayland, where his boyhood was passed. He has been connected with the express business all his life. He spent a few years of his life in the South, where he run a stage line.

He has been employed by the United States and Canada Express Company, as money messenger, for the past twenty years, and still holds the position. He lives in Waltham, Mass.

AUGUSTUS HEARD (48) was born in Wayland, where he lived most of his life, following the occupation of a farmer. He resided a number of years in different towns in Massachusetts, and he afterwards moved to New Hampshire, and now lives in Francestown in that State.

DAVID HEARD (49) was born, and lived during his early life, in Wayland. He learnt the bookbinder's trade

of Boynton and Marshall of Framingham, which he followed a few years there, and then went to Holliston, where he went into business, and opened a book-store, which he carried on, in connection with his business of bookbinder and printer, till his decease in 1850. His widow afterwards married Joel Brooks of West Medway, where they now live.

EDWIN HARTWELL HEARD (son of David, 29) was born in Wayland, where he spent his boyhood and commenced his education, which was finished at Brown University, from which he graduated in the class of 1851. He then studied law a few years, first with Samuel Hoar, Esq., at Concord, and afterwards in the office of Samuel Brown and Josiah G. Abbott, Esqs., of Lowell. He was admitted to the bar in 1854, but he stayed in Lowell but a short time, as he had an offer of a position in a law office in San Francisco, whither he went, but ill-health prevented his success, and also compelled him to give up his position, and return home, which he did, but only to fall a victim to his disease, of which he died Oct. 20, 1857, in Wayland. From an editorial obituary notice of his death, published in a Lowell paper, we quote the following:—

“It is with feelings of regret that we announce the untimely death of our late fellow-citizen, E. H. Heard, Esq. His abilities and talents eminently qualified him for the legal profession, which he adopted. With a clear, logical mind, fine scholarship, power of concentration, strong argumentative and reasoning

powers, and, underlying all, a broad common-sense, he was in every way fitted to acquire a high and leading position as a lawyer. While in this city, Mr. Heard was made a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a warm friend and affectionate brother, a loved and loving son, a good lawyer and a good citizen, and he has left behind him a name and reputation, and an example that will go far to heal the sorrow that his premature death has inflicted upon those who knew him."

FRANCIS HEARD (51) was born in Wayland, where he lived during his youth. He learnt the bookbinder's trade of his brother David, which he has followed all his life. He lived a few years in Boston, and also in Cambridge. In 1859 he went to California for his health, where he now resides.

CHARLES B. HEARD (53) was born in Wayland, where he lived during the early part of his life. In 1858 he went to Boston, where he stayed a short time, and then went to Chicago, where he remained a few years, when he returned; and, at the opening of the war, he was employed as assistant foreman at the arsenal at Watertown, Mass., which position he filled four years. He was then employed at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir during its construction. In 1867 he made a second trip to Chicago, where he was a member of the firm of Dresser and Heard, produce dealers. This firm continued in business about two years, when it dissolved, and he returned home. Soon after his arrival from Chicago, he was attached to the engineer corps of the Hoosac Tunnel, where he re-

mained five years, or till the completion of the tunnel. He now resides in Wayland on the farm formerly owned by Richard Heard (23).

SAMUEL H. M. HEARD (54) was born in Wayland, where he resided for many years, following the occupation of farmer. He has served the town in many official capacities, holding the office of town constable for many years, besides filling other town offices at different times. He responded to the country's call for troops at the time of the war, and enlisted July 31, 1862, as a corporal in Co. D, Thirty-fifth Regiment [Massachusetts Volunteers, and was mustered into service Aug. 16, 1862. In entering the army, he took upon himself duties which he was physically unable to perform, and he was discharged for disability Nov. 26, 1862. He has since lived in Wayland and Weston. He now resides in the latter town, and holds a position in the store of W. W. Kimball and Co., grocers, Boston.

WILLIAM ANDREW HEARD (55) lived in Wayland, his native place, till he was fifteen years old, when he went to Centre Sandwich, N. H., where he has since lived. His early life was not an easy one, having been early called from home and school to earn his own living. At the age of twenty-two he opened a store, for the sale of general merchandise, which he carried on till 1878, nearly twenty-eight years. In August, 1862, he enlisted for the war, and was at once appointed regimental quartermaster of the Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteers. In Sep-

tember of the year following, in consequence of failing health, he was obliged to resign and return home. He has been town clerk of the town of Sandwich three years, — 1859, 1860, and 1861. He was elected to a seat in the New Hampshire Legislature in the session of 1873-4. He was chosen treasurer of the Sandwich Savings Bank in September, 1872, and has since held the position. He was appointed, in August, 1874, by the justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, clerk of the court, and in August, 1876, was reappointed by the justice of the Supreme Court of the State to the same position, which he still holds. In November, 1877, he was appointed one of the assignees of the Carroll County Five Cents Savings Bank, the largest bank in that portion of New Hampshire.

JARED MANN HEARD (56) was the only member of the family who entered the ministry; and surely no one could have better represented the family in that profession. He was born in Wayland, where he spent the early portion of his life. At the age of nineteen he entered Brown University, from which he graduated in 1853, at which time he decided to enter the ministry. He taught school in Providence a short time; but his ill-health prevented his continuing, and he improved an opportunity which then opened to him, to take a voyage to the East Indies. After his return he entered the Theological School at Cambridge. He was first called to the Unitarian Society at Clinton, where he was ordained Aug. 25,

1858, and where he preached with great acceptance for five years. He was elected to a seat in the lower branch of the Legislature in the session of 1861-2. In 1863 he received a call from the parish in Fitchburg, whither he went, but he only preached there one year previous to his death, which occurred at Fitchburg, March 21, 1864. A monument has been erected to his memory by his many friends in Fitchburg.

LEANDER B. HEARD (57) lived in Wayland, his native place, till 1850, when he went to Boston, and commenced his business career in the employ of Pierce, Howe and Co., dry-goods jobbers, with whom he stayed five years, when he left the dry-goods business and entered the wholesale grocery store of Jackson and Norris. He was here employed till 1860, when he went into the employ of Dana, Farrar and Hyde, wholesale grocers, for whom he travelled through Vermont as salesman for a few years. While in the employ of this firm he made an extended tour through the Western States and Territories, in the interest of his employers, enduring all the hardships incident to Western travel in those days. While on this trip, he was strongly impressed with the commercial resources of this new country and saw an opening for a large and profitable trade with the Western merchants, and on his return expressed a desire to travel through the West and build up the trade which he had seen in anticipation. The desire was granted, and for seven years he travelled through all the Western States and Territories. In 1865

the firm dissolved, and a new firm was organized under the style of Dana, Hyde and Co., in which Mr. Heard had an interest. This firm continued the business for five years, when it was succeeded by a new firm, under the name of Hyde, Warren and Heard; and in January, 1880, this firm was changed to Hyde, Heard and Southworth.

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER.

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1.

ZACHARIAH HEARD was born in 1675. He died Dec. 27, 1761. He married Silence Brown of Wayland, about 1707, but the exact date is not known. She died —.

They had —

2. MARY. Born* —. Died March 13, 1749.

THOMAS. Born Jan. 23, 1711. Died —.

3. HANNAH. Born May 22, 1714. Died —.

4. PRISCILLA. Born Dec. 29, 1716. Died —.

5. RICHARD. Born April 2, 1720. Died May 16, 1792.

2.

MARY (*Zachariah I*) married Josiah Coggin of Tewksbury, Mass., April 2, 1733.

3.

HANNAH (*Zachariah I*) married Jonathan Grout of Wayland, June 6, 1743.

4.

PRISCILLA (*Zachariah I*) married John Gould of Sherburne, Jan. 2, 1737.

5.

RICHARD (*Zachariah I*) married Sarah Fiske of Wayland, April 9, 1746. She died Aug. 6, 1796.

They had—

6. ABIGAIL. Born May 12, 1747. Died May 13, 1793.

7. THOMAS. Born May 8, 1749. Died Feb. 21, 1819.

8. ZACHARIAH. Born Dec. 28, 1751. Died Sept. 3, 1823.

9. RICHARD. Born June 12, 1754. Died Sept. 7, 1840.

10. SARAH. Born Sept. 8, 1756. Died May —, 1782.

* Mary Heard was baptized in Cambridge Nov. 23, 1703.

11. DAVID. Born June 2, 1758. Died Jan. 22, 1813.

12. MARY. Born July 21, 1764. Died Dec. 18, 1829.

6.

ABIGAIL (*Richard 5*) married Thomas Rutter of Wayland, June 24, 1773.

7.

THOMAS (*Richard 5*) married Elizabeth Reeves of Wayland, Nov. 25, 1773. She died Oct. 11, 1805.

They had —

13. THOMAS. Born May 24, 1776. Died March 7, 1832.

14. WILLIAM. Born Sept. 1, 1778. Died July 20, 1859.

15. ELIZABETH. Born Dec. 8, 1780. Died Aug. 6, 1847.

SARAH. Born June 4, 1783. Died Oct. 23, 1806.

16. NANCY. Born July 21, 1785. Died Nov. 27, 1850.

CAROLINE. Born Nov. 29, 1791. Died Sept. 12, 1848.

GEORGE. Born —, 1787. Died Oct. 12, 1792.

JACOB. Born —, 1789. Died Oct. 6, 1792.

17. JACOB. Born Aug. 12, 1793. Died Sept. 15, 1827.

8.

ZACHARIAH (*Richard 5*) married Abigail Damon of Wayland, June 24, 1784. She died Dec. 11, 1835.

They had —

ABIGAIL. Born June 25, 1785. Died Sept. 10, 1825.

DAVID. Born Dec. 2, 1786. Died Sept. 17, 1808.

18. NEWELL. Born Dec. 15, 1788. Died June 14, 1865.

19. CHARLES. Born Feb. 26, 1794. Died June 26, 1872.

20. ABEL. Born July 16, 1795.

9A.

RICHARD (*Richard 5*) married Mary Maynard of Wayland, April 10, 1783. She died May 26, 1795.

They had —

21. JOSIAH. Born Jan. 24, 1784. Died July 2, 1821.

22. HENRY. Born Oct. 28, 1785. Died Jan. 30, 1870.

23. RICHARD. Born Sept. 3, 1787. Died Nov. 4, 1872.

24. DORCAS. Born Aug. 5, 1789. Died Dec. 13, 1828.
 25. JONATHAN FISKE. Born July 10, 1791. Died Sept. 5, 1870.
 MARY. Born Aug. 16, 1793. Died Dec. 19, 1816.
 LOIS. Born April 23, 1795. Died Jan. 30, 1796.

9B.

RICHARD (*Richard 5*) married Mrs. Micah Cutler of Boston, —, 1797 (?). She died Jan. 9, 1836.

They had —

26. GEORGE. Born May 30, 1799.
 27. SAMUEL. Born Dec. 16, 1800. Died Dec. 16, 1852.

10.

SARAH (*Richard 5*) married Jonathan Hoar of Sudbury, April 1, 1775.

11A.

DAVID (*Richard 5*) married Eunice Baldwin of Wayland, May 24, 1784. She died Sept. 5, 1785.

11B.

DAVID (*Richard 5*) married Sibyl Sherman of Wayland, March 31, 1789. She died Sept. 2, 1845.

They had —

28. EUNICE. Born Jan. 16, 1790. Died Aug. 21, 1864.
 PRISCILLA. Born March 25, 1792. Died Oct. 29, 1792.
 29. DAVID. Born Oct. 25, 1793.
 30. WILLIAM. Born Sept. 19, 1795. Died March 30, 1869.
 31. PRISCILLA. Born July 1, 1797. Died March —, 1858.
 LUCY. Born Dec. 4, 1801. Died Feb. 8, 1868.
 32. HORACE. Born Oct. 17, 1804.
 SIBYL. Born Aug. 8, 1808.

12.

MARY (*Richard 5*) married Samuel Frost of Framingham, Sept. 3, 1788.

13.

THOMAS (*Thomas 7*) married Sarah Coburn of Weston, Jan. 29, 1804. She died Sept. 4, 1809.

They had —

SARAH ANN. Born May 11, 1804. Died Sept. 3, 1805.

33. JANE. Born April 11, 1806. Died Nov. 16, 1870.

14.

WILLIAM (*Thomas 7*) married Eunice Heard (28) of Wayland, June 4, 1803. She died Aug. 21, 1864.

They had —

GEO. CLINTON. Born April 3, 1809. Died July 20, 1859.

34. SARAH. Born Aug. 2, 1821.

ANGELINE. Born Oct. 10, 1831. Died Feb. 17, 1870.

15.

ELIZABETH (*Thomas 7*) married Daniel Leland of Sherburne, Mass. Jan. 22, 1803.

16.

NANCY (*Thomas 7*) married Jonas Reeves of Templeton, Mass., April 14, 1814.

17.

JACOB (*Thomas 7*) married Charlotte Elizabeth Peters of Boston, Mass., ——. She died March 20, 1872.

They had —

35. ROSALIA AUGUSTA. Born Dec. 24, 1824. Died Sept. 25, 1860.

OCTAVIA C. Born Dec. 29, 1826.

18.

NEWELL (*Zachariah 8*) married Jerusha Grout of Wayland, April 30, 1822. She died Sept. 15, 1867.

They had —

36. ABBY. Born April 22, 1825.

37. JOHN AUGUSTUS. Born June 22, 1823. Died Dec. 2, 1878.

19.

CHARLES (*Zachariah 8*) married Mary Rice of Wayland, Nov. 21, 1822. She died Oct. 2, 1866.

They had —

ELLEN EATON. Born Sept. 23, 1821. Died Aug. 2, 1833.

CHARLES KIRK. Born Dec. 17, 1823. Died Aug. 30, 1828.

SUSAN GILL. Born Nov. 7, 1828. Died Dec. 10, 1853.

ELIZA JANE. Born Oct. 19, 1832.

MARY EATON. Born Jan. 26, 1835. Died Oct. 9, 1836.

CHARLES KIRK. Born Jan. 25, 1837. Died Aug. 30, 1848.

20.

ABEL (*Zachariah 8*) married Lois Gleason of Wayland, April 28, 1830. She died May 20, 1879.

21.

JOSIAH (*Richard 9*) married Sarah — of —. She died —.

They had one child. (See biographical sketch of Josiah Heard.)

22A.

HENRY (*Richard 9*) married Mehitable Colburn of Langdon, N. H., May —, 1815. She died April 28, 1823.

They had —

38. HENRY. Born Feb. 18, 1816.

39. BENJAMIN. Born Oct. 28, 1817. Died March 7, 1853.

40. MARY. Born April 25, 1820.

41. RICHARD. Born Nov. 16, 1821.

ABIGAIL. Born May —, 1824. Died Jan. 8, 1840.

42. SAMUEL. Born Aug. 15, 1825. Died Aug. 8, 1864.

22B.

HENRY (*Richard 9*) married Mrs. Belinda Mansfield of Stoddard, N. H., June 18, 1832. She died May 14, 1870.

They had —

43. HANNAH WRIGHT. Born June 16, 1833.

23.

RICHARD (*Richard 9*) married Abigail Rice of Wayland, Feb. 23, 1815. She died Feb. 12, 1873.

They had —

JOSIAH. Born April 2, 1817. Died Nov. 19, 1847.

24.

DORCAS (*Richard 9*) married Samuel Rice of Wayland, June 15, 1815.

25.

JONATHAN FISKE (*Richard 9*) married Harriet Stratton of Weston, —, 1815. She died Oct. 27, 1846.

They had —

44. FRANKLIN FISKE. Born Jan. 17, 1825.

HARRIET AUGUSTA. Born Sept. 30, 1829. Died Nov. 9, 1829.

26.

GEORGE (*Richard 9*) married Almira Read of Sudbury, March 4, 1828.

They had —

45. GEORGE SUMNER. Born June 3, 1830.

FREDERICK. Born Dec. 27, 1834.

MARY ANN. Born Aug. 7, 1841.

27.

SAMUEL (*Richard 9*) married Mrs. Jacob Heard (17) of Boston, March 28, 1832. She died March 20, 1872.

They had —

46. THEODORE ALEXANDER. Born Dec. 25, 1832.

47. ISABELLE MORRIS. Born March 9, 1835.

ALONZO. Born March 16, 1837.

28.

EUNICE (*David 11*) married William Heard (14) of Wayland, June 4, 1808.

29.

DAVID (*David 11*) married Betsey Adams of Littleton, Mass., Sept. 25, 1817.

They had —

48. AUGUSTUS. Born Feb. 16, 1819.

49. DAVID. Born Aug. 9, 1820. Died Nov. 4, 1850.

50. ELIZA ANN. Born Nov. 7, 1823.

ADDISON ADAMS. Born Nov. 16, 1825. Died Oct. 20, 1826.

EDWIN HARTWELL. Born Oct. 3, 1827. Died Oct. 20, 1857.

51. FRANCIS. Born Aug. 29, 1829.

MARY ADAMS. Born March 6, 1832. /

52. SUSAN. Born March 29, 1834.

53. CHARLES BALDWIN. Born May 29, 1836.

ELLEN. Born Feb. 16, 1839.

EDWARD. Born Nov. 29, 1840. Died Sept. 29, 1841.

30.

WILLIAM (*David II*) married Susan Mann of Wayland, March 14, 1825. She died July 14, 1870.

They had —

54. SAMUEL HALE MANN. Born March 23, 1826.

55. WILLIAM ANDREW. Born Aug. 25, 1827.

56. JARED MANN. Born March 16, 1831. Died March 21, 1864.

SUSAN ELIZABETH. Born July 16, 1835. Died Aug. 30, 1853.

31.

PRISCILLA (*David II*) married George Stratton of Weston, April 28, 1825.

32.

HORACE (*David II*) married Eliza Gleason of Wayland, Oct. 5, 1828.

They had —

ELIZA AUGUSTA. Born May 14, 1830. Died July 31, 1873.

THEODORE LINCOLN. Born Jan. 22, 1834. Died Sept. 14, 1851.

57. LEANDER BRADFORD. Born July 18, 1836.

EMILY ALDRICH. Born Dec. 22, 1839.

33.

JANE (*Thomas I3*) married Daniel Emerson of Waltham, Aug. 24, 1834.

34.

SARAH (*William I4*) married Charles H. Campbell of Wayland, Oct. 27, 1847.

35.

ROSALIA A. (*Jacob I7*) married Benjamin A. Dudley of Wayland, May 8, 1839.

36.

ABBY (*Newell I8*) married Ellis Packard of Brockton, Mass., June 15, 1847.

37.

JOHN AUGUSTUS (*Newell 18*) married Sarah E. Hawkes of Boston, Nov. 6, 1852.

They had —

GRACE ELLIS. Born April 20, 1856.

BLANCHE ELLEN. Born Dec. 1, 1865.

38.

HENRY (*Henry 22*) married Orilla F. Grant of Alstead, N. H., April 30, 1840.

They had —

58. GEORGE. Born July 17, 1841.

EMMA ROY. Born July 17, 1844.

MARION. Born June 30, 1848. Died Jan. 14, 1865.

LUCY JANE. Born July 26, 1850.

59. MARCELLA. Born Oct. 23, 1852.

39.

BENJAMIN (*Henry 22*) married Melissa A. Roberson, of Leroy, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1847.

They had —

MARY MARION. Born July 4, 1848.

EUGENE CLINTON. Born Sept. 11, 1851.

40.

MARY (*Henry 22*) married Augustine P. Snow of Dublin, N. H., Oct. 17, 1837.

41.

RICHARD (*Henry 22*) married Sarah J. Gunnison of Goshen, N. H., Nov. 6, 1845.

They had —

WARREN. Born Aug. 5, 1846. Died Sept. 27, 1846.

WALTER C. Born April 24, 1850. Died March 30, 1860.

60. MARY ELIZABETH. Born Sept. 1, 1855.

ARTHUR WARREN. Born Sept. 19, 1859.

42.

SAMUEL (*Henry 22*) married Mrs. Fidelia Pike of Winchendon, Mass., Nov. 26, 1851.

They had —

61. ABBY. Born Sept 8, 1852.

CLIFTON. Born March 20, 1854.

GENEVIEVE. Born Oct. 22, 1860. Died May 16, 1863.

43.

HANNAH WRIGHT (*Henry 22*) married Asa Pettingill of Peterborough, N. H., June 14, 1860.

44A.

FRANKLIN FISKE (*Jona. Fiske 25*) married Harriet Hildreth of Lowell, April 21, 1855. She died May 1, 1866.

They had —

HARRIET HILDRETH. Born Oct. 8, 1856.

44B.

FRANKLIN FISKE (*Jona. Fiske 25*) married Martha B. Stone of Saxonville, Mass., April 5, 1868.

They had —

GUSTAVUS SOMERBY. Born Dec. 15, 1873.

45.

GEORGE SUMNER (*George 26*) married Abby M. Searle of Moscow, Me., Nov. 20, 1855.

They had —

SARAH WEBSTER. Born Aug. 23, 1859.

46A.

THEODORE ALEX. (*Samuel 27*) married Adeline Wyman of Waltham, Feb. 5, 1854. She died March 3, 1856.

They had —

ADDIE MARIA. Born Nov. 1, 1855. Died Oct. 17, 1856.

46B.

THEODORE ALEX. (*Samuel 27*) married Lucinda A. Wyman of Waltham, Dec. 25, 1859.

They had —

MARIE ANTOINETTE. Born May 5, 1867.

47.

ISABELLE MORRIS (*Samuel 27*) married Edward F. Kendall of Framingham, Dec. 14, 1862.

48.

AUGUSTUS (*David 29*) married Maria French of Sudbury, Feb. 20, 1843.

They had —

MARTHA ELLEN. Born April 26, 1846. Died Feb. 19, 1855.

MARIA JOSEPHINE. Born Oct. 8, 1851. Died Sept. 15, 1880.

62. MARY ELIZABETH. Born June 21, 1852.

63. EMMA ESTELLA. Born March 5, 1853.

64. NELLIE. Born Jan. 23, 1856.

EVA MAY. Born March 5, 1858. Died April 22, 1859.

FRANK CUSHING. Born May 14, 1862.

EVA. Born May 11, 1867.

49.

DAVID (*David 29*) married Nancy K. Hemenway of Framingham, Nov. 24, 1842.

They had —

DAVID HERBERT. Born Jan. 23, 1847. Died March 13, 1847.

EDWARD BURNAP. } ² }
65. DAVID HERBERT. } _{twins} }
Born Mar. 21, 1848. Died Aug. 7, 1851.
Born Mar. 21, 1848.

ELBERTI HARRISON. Born June 4, 1850. Died June 6, 1854.

50.

ELIZA ANN. (*David 29*) married Dr. Andrews Edwards of Concord, Mass., June 15, 1851.

51.

FRANCIS (*David 29*) married Hannah Elizabeth Hunt of Boston, Nov. 26, 1854.

52.

SUSAN (*David 29*) married Robert B. Thomas of New York, Oct. 10, 1867.

53.

CHARLES BALDWIN (*David 29*) married Helen M. Cushing of West Medway, Sept. 4, 1872.

They had —

WAYLAND CUSHING. Born Jan. 31, 1874. Died Feb. 3, 1874.

BETSEY. Born Jan. 30, 1875.

54.

SAMUEL H. M. (*William 30*) married Harriet Sherman of Wayland, March 1, 1849.

They had —

66. ELLEN MARIA. Born Dec. 27, 1849.

OSCAR. Born April 3, 1852. Died Oct. 21, 1870.

HORACE PRESCOTT. Born April 9, 1855.

67. ALBERT ERNEST. Born March 21, 1859.

JARED MANN. Born June 5, 1866.

55A.

WILLIAM ANDREW (*William 30*) married Ann Elizabeth Marston of Sandwich, N. H., June 6, 1850. She died Jan. 4, 1854.

They had —

EDWIN MOULTON. Born Dec. 17, 1853.

55B.

WILLIAM ANDREW (*William 30*) married Emily Maria Marston, of Sandwich, N. H., April 25, 1855.

They had —

WILLIAM. Born Aug. 14, 1860.

ARTHUR MARSTON. Born Feb. 13, 1866.

56.

JARED MANN (*William 30*) married Ellen Balch of Providence, Oct. 19, 1858. She died Oct. 6, 1865.

They had —

MABEL. Born May 3, 1861. Died Jan. 8, 1879.

57.

LEANDER BRADFORD (*Horace 32*) married Lucy H. Bancroft of Montpelier, Vt., June 10, 1868.

They had —

DWIGHT B. Born May 1, 1869.

58.

GEORGE (*Henry 38*) married Augusta C. Heyward of Acworth, N. H., Jan. 1, 1867.

59.

MARCELLA (*Henry 38*) married Frank Gowen of Acworth, N. H., Jan. 21, 1874. They have since taken the name of Grant.

60.

MARY ELIZABETH (*Richard 41*) married William L. Hooper of Harvard, Mass., July 9, 1879.

61.

ABBY. (*Samuel 42*) married Charles White of Marlborough, Mass., May 21, 1875.

62.

MARY ELIZABETH (*Augustus 48*) married James Fred. Dean of Francestown, N. H., June 3, 1874.

63.

EMMA ESTELLA (*Augustus 48*) married Lyman Belcher of Frances-town, N. H., March 1, 1877.

64.

NELLIE (*Augustus 48*) married Charles E. Nutting of Francestown, N. H., Nov. 28, 1875.

65.

DAVID HERBERT (*David 49*) married Emma C. Brooks of West Medway, June 15, 1870.

They had —

DAVID. Born Sept. 5, 1871. Died Nov. 18, 1876.

JOEL BERTIE. Born July 5, 1874.

ALVIN DAVID. Born Jan. 30, 1877. Died Sept. 2, 1877.

JENNY ETHEL. Born April 13, 1879.

66.

ELLEN MARIA (*Samuel H. M. 54*) married Frank H. Thompson of Weston, Mass., Jan. 16, 1871.

67.

ALBERT ERNEST (*Samuel H. M. 54*) married Ida M. Pitts of Nantucket, Aug. 26, 1880.



GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

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There have been two golden weddings in the family, brief accounts of which are given below.

Feb. 23, 1865, being the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heard, was a most notable day in the lives of these two people, consummating, as it did, half a century of unusually happy wedded life, and inasmuch as they were born and had always lived in and been identified with the town, their many relatives and friends wished to commemorate the day, and express their love and esteem to this aged couple. Accordingly, a committee was chosen, and through it, a general invitation was extended to all in the town to assemble at the residence of this happy pair, and congratulate them on the occasion. About one hundred persons assembled. The exercises were simple, consisting of a prayer and a short appropriate address by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Sears ; and congratulatory remarks were also made by some of the guests present. The evening was spent in an informal manner, in pleasant conversation, and altogether the occasion was one of enjoyment to all who responded to the invitation. Many gifts were presented by relatives and friends.

A poem written for the occasion by Rev. E. H. Sears
was sung by those present, and is here given.

GOLDEN-WEDDING HYMN.

I.

Two summer streams were flowing
Bright in the morning sun,
And in their course with gentle force
They mingled into one.

II.

Now flows the blended river,
Beneath the western sky,
And manifold the hues of gold
Calm on its bosom lie.

III.

So, friends, beloved and honored,
Your stream of life has flowed,
And now may rest upon its breast
The golden peace of God!

IV.

Warm hearts are beating round you,
And in our fervent song,
Here do we pray your closing day
May linger late and long.

V.

That warmest benedictions,
May soothe its latest stage,
And wreath with flowers of summer hours
The sunny crown of age.

VI.

Till clothed in wedding garments,
You stand before the Throne,
Whence cometh down the bridal crown,
And the sweet voice, "Well Done."

On the 25th of September, 1867, Col. David Heard and wife celebrated their golden wedding, and in response to the invitation extended, a large number of relatives and friends assembled at their residence, to commemorate the pleasant anniversary. Three generations of the family were present. The evening was pleasantly passed in receiving the congratulations of friends and listening to a short address by the pastor, Rev. S. D. Robbins, and also to the singing, by Miss Martha B. Stone, of a golden-wedding hymn, which is given below, written by Dr. T. W. Parsons and arranged by Mr. F. F. Heard. Many valuable presents were given to the host and hostess, expressive of the regard and esteem of the givers. A number of letters were received, expressing regret that the writers were unable to be present, and congratulating the happy couple on the fulfilment of half a century of happiness and wishing a continuation in the years to follow. Several poems were also given, which we would be glad to insert; but we can only present one, which, with the golden-wedding hymn, is given below.

OUR GOLDEN WEDDING ON THE ISLAND.

BY DR. T. W. PARSONS.

I.

A love-tale happened long ago,
But not much more than fifty years,
Like all such stories, high or low,
Mingled of hopes and joys and tears.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

II.

Those hopes Heaven sweetly did fulfil:
Look round on our ancestral isle,
Behold the blossoms of our hill,
And let the children's children smile!

III.

The joys have been — and joys should be,
And thanks in every heart to-night!
You generations — one, two, three —
Call you not this a gladsome sight?

IV.

And other tears may be to come,
When He who gave shall take away;
But rather let our song be dumb
Than dwell upon the distant day.

V.

The present is the hour for us:
Love long be with you, blessed pair!
Rise, David Heard! victorious,
Once more thy Betsey wed and wear.

Sept. 25, 1867.

LIFE'S NUPTIAL DAY.

Inscribed as a token of respect for Mr. and Mrs. David Heard, on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, Sept. 25, 1867, by their friend Jas. S. Draper.

I.

The nuptial, joy-inspiring morn,
With warbling matins sweetly wakes,
While orient azure gently breaks
In living, cheering light, new born.

II.

The cloudless sky, the air serene,
And balmy offerings of each flower,
Conspire to sanctify the hour,
And give enchantment to the scene.

III.

'Tis noon! we pause with earnest gaze,
To scan the path those feet have pressed
In toilsome hours of hard unrest, —
A winding, darksome, devious maze.

IV.

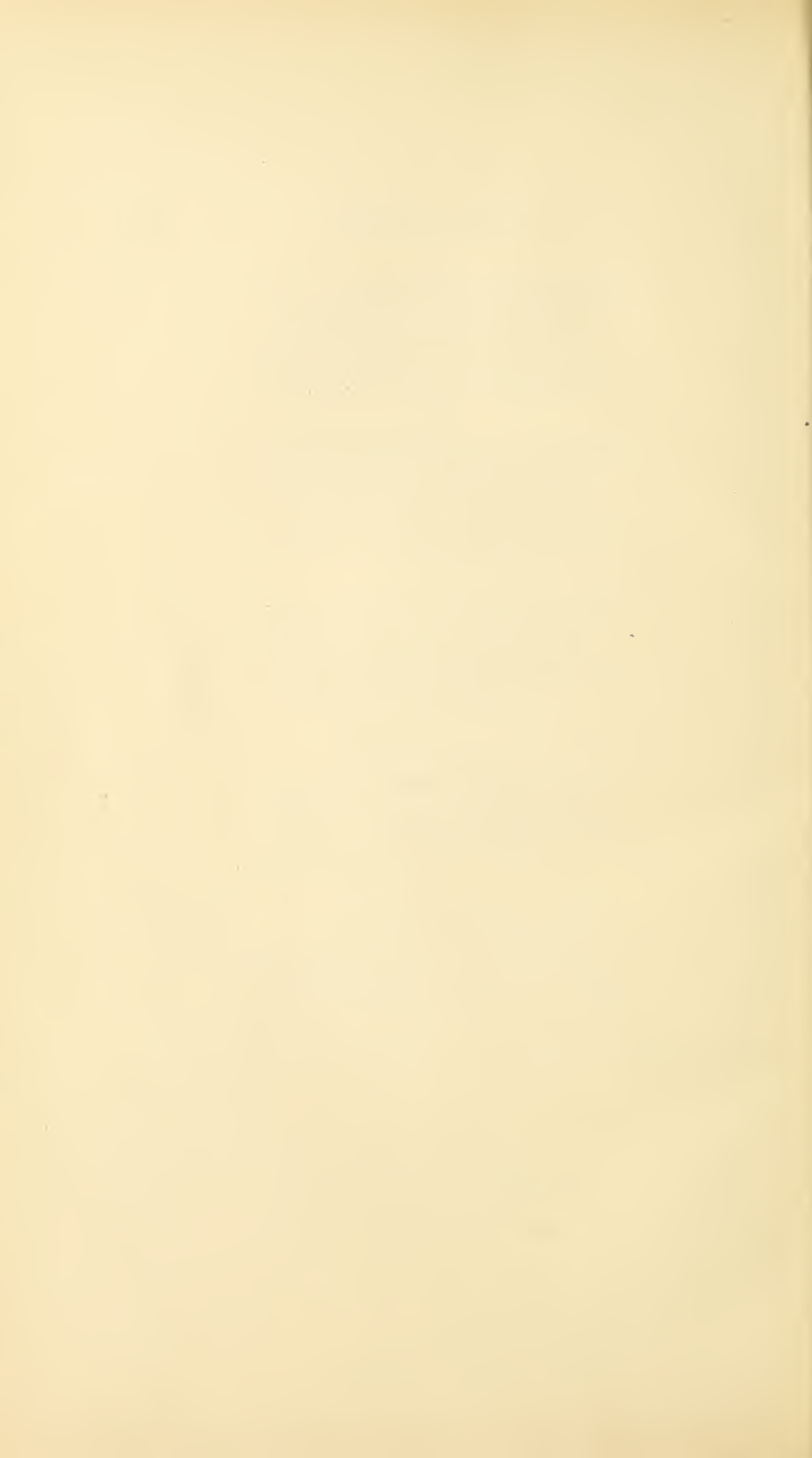
Their life-work faithful to fulfil,
With hearts and hands united strong,
Their joys they welcome with a song,
Their griefs, with mild attempered will.

V.

'Tis eve! the nuptial day's decline
Is calm as yonder evening star;
While bright as summer sunsets are,
The Past reflects a light divine.

VI.

'Tis eve! with fervent gratitude,
They greet the holy, restful hour.
And bless the hand whose sovereign power
Has crowned their day with highest good.



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Heard's Island, in Wayland, is so closely connected with the Heard family, that this record would by no means be complete without giving it more than a passing notice. This Island, or, as it was formerly more commonly called, "The Farm," is a charming spot, and presents many attractions to admirers of natural scenery. It was once, without doubt, an Indian settlement, and stone axes, chisels, arrow-heads, and other relics have been found in all parts of it. It is situated about one-half mile west of Wayland Village. It contains about four hundred acres of land, which is well adapted to farming, is well wooded, and very little is allowed to run to waste, except the river meadows, which remain almost valueless, from the effects of the dam at Billerica. The first history of the Island that the writer can find is in "Barry's History of Framingham," from which we take the following :—

“ Besides the regular grants of land, which the Proprietors gave to the residents of Sudbury, they made grants to Herbert Pelham; although it does not appear that he became an inhabitant, he owned, for many years, the ‘Island,’ so called, which from him derived the name of ‘Pelham’s Island.’ ”

Herbert Pelham was a prominent and influential person. He was a kind friend of the colonists in Massa-

chusetts and promoted their interests in many ways. In 1638 or 1639 he came to this country from England, and settled in Cambridge, where he was entrusted with much important business. He was the first Treasurer of Harvard College, elected Dec. 27, 1643. He owned many tracts of land in various parts of New England, doubtless granted to him by the various towns, for kindnesses received. Capt. William Pelham, who lived in Wayland, was probably a brother of Herbert. Herbert Pelham, by his will, dated Jan. 1, 1672, gave to his son Edward, of Newport, R. I., his lands in Sudbury. By a deed dated Nov. 24, 1711, Edward Pelham of Newport, conveyed the Island to Isaac Hunt and Samuel Stone, Jr., who, the same month, sold a part of it to Jona. Fiske and George Reed.* Here we lose all record of Isaac Hunt and George Reed in connection with the Island; but Messrs. Stone and Fiske settled there, and doubtless bought out whatever claims Messrs. Hunt and Reed had upon the estate.

Near what is now known as the "Line Fence," and nearly in the centre of the Island, stood the first two houses known to have been built on it; but by whom they were erected is not known.

" We have no title-deeds to house or lands;
Owners and occupants of earlier dates
From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands,
And hold in mortmain still their old estates."

* Messrs. Hunt, Stone, Fiske, and Reed were all closely connected by marriage.



HOUSE BUILT IN 1722 BY JONATHAN FISK.

NOW OWNED BY COL. DAVID HEARD

Samuel Stone and Jona. Fiske divided the Island into two farms, the dividing line being the same that now runs across the Island from north to south, thus dividing the Island into two parts, the eastern and western. Jona. Fiske settled on the eastern portion, and first built a house which stood about two rods south-west from the large elm-trees; this house was afterwards used for a cider-mill until it was torn down. He afterwards built the house which still stands on the estate of David Heard; the house was hurriedly finished to allow Mrs. Fiske to be confined in it, and Sarah Fiske was here born Sept. 26, 1722. It is only by reference to this event that the age of the house can be obtained. Sarah Fiske afterwards married Richard Heard, and lived and died in this house. Here have lived and died more members of the Heard family, than in any other house, and if it could but relate some of the events which have transpired under its roof, what an interesting tale it might unfold,—at least, interesting to the Heards. It was the small-pox hospital about 1792, and forty-four persons were vaccinated here.

In the attic of this house was once a sack of papers, letters, etc., which, when sold, about 1820, had lain there so long that the sack had become decayed from age. These papers were sold for rags, and except some few letters that were read and laughed over, no thought was given to them. No one knows all that that sack contained; but it is known that some of those papers would

have thrown light on the early history of Zachariah Heard, of whom we, at present, know almost nothing.

In front of this house are two elms, which stand as monuments to the memory of Richard Heard (9), who set them out when a boy, when they were so small that he jumped over them after setting them in place. A picture of the house and trees will be found on another page. By Jona. Fiske's will, dated Nov. 13, 1742, he gave to his wife Abigail his estate; and when and how it came into the possession of his son-in-law, Richard Heard (5), is not known. Richard Heard lived and died here. By a deed dated March 14, 1792, Richard Heard gave this estate to his two sons, Richard, Jr., and David, who lived here together and carried on the farm in common. Richard and David were known as the two brothers who never spoke an unpleasant word to each other. Their estate was undivided till Nov. 9, 1801, when they divided, and Richard left David on the homestead, and settled on the south-eastern portion of the Island. He built a house on the slope facing the river, about ten rods south of the road; this house was torn down some time between 1835 and 1840.

Although David and Richard had divided the estate, their two farms were worked in common for many years, they meeting every morning, each with his sons, at a place convenient to both, where the work of the day was laid out. David lived on the homestead till his death in 1813, when the farm passed to his son David, who still

owns it. Richard lived on his farm till 1832, when he went to live in the centre of Wayland, and the farm was carried on by his sons, Richard and George, till 1833, when it was purchased by Micah Cutler of Boston, who lived there till April 1, 1837, when, by a deed of that date, it was sold to William Heard (14), by whom it was carried on till his death in 1859, when the farm passed to Charles H. Campbell, its present owner.

Samuel Stone settled on the westerly portion of the Island, where he built a house, a picture of which may be found on the frontispiece; this house is still standing, and is the oldest house now in possession of any of the family. By a singular coincidence, it was finished under the same circumstances as that of Jona. Fiske, and Tabatha Stone was here born, Jan. 9, 1715. Tabatha afterwards married Mr. John Noyes, whose descendants are now living in Wayland. The house still retains much of its ancient appearance: in it is a large chamber, now partitioned into two rooms, in which, years ago, was held many a country dance, and spelling school, as this was the largest hall for miles around; and, like its neighbor, it was once a small-pox hospital. Samuel Stone sold his estate to Thomas Bent, but the date of purchase is not known. Thomas Bent set out the large elms which stand in front of the old house, when they were small trees; two were placed in the front yard to shade the house, and one by the barn to shade oxen. One of these trees is now one of the largest in the State, and is much admired for

its symmetry and size. Emerson in his book on "The Trees and Shrubs of Massachusetts" (page 295) says: "In 1840 an old elm at Heard's Island in Wayland was twenty feet at one end and a half feet, and fifteen feet five inches at three and a half feet; — a very noble tree, seventy-five feet high and with a spread of one hundred and twenty-eight feet from north-east to south-west, and not much less in any direction, covering a broad space with its dense shade." Its mate has been very much damaged by storms, and is now only about half its original size.

By a deed dated March 1, 1779, Richard Heard (5), in connection with his sons Zachariah and Thomas, purchased this estate of Thomas Bent, and Richard gave his share of the bargain to his sons; and that portion of the Island was owned by them in common, till April 15, 1793, when they divided the estate into two farms; Zachariah staying on the homestead, and Thomas settling on the southerly part of the estate, there building a house which is still standing. Zachariah lived on his farm till his death in 1823, when it passed to his son Abel, who still lives there. This farm is much resorted to for its pleasant attractions, the principal feature of which is the pond, a very pretty sheet of water, well adapted to sailing, for which purpose it is much visited in summer. This pond has always been named with the Island, being first called "Pelham's Pond," and later "Heard's Pond." On the northern shore of this pond is a small grove called "Stony Point," which is resorted to every summer by picnic

parties from adjoining towns. Near Stony Point is another grove, on Five-Rail Hill, so named because a five-rail fence once ran across it.

In 1817, Thomas transferred his farm to Edward Rice, who lived on it till 1840, when he sold it to Maynard Jones, who owned it till 1855, when it was bought by Robert Erwin, by whom it was carried on till his death in 1880, and by whose heirs it is now owned.

Thus we have traced the ownership of the Island from the original proprietors to its present owners. It is sincerely to be hoped that its name will remain the same for many years, even though it may pass from the hands of the Heards.

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